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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OVER PACKET NETWORKS WITH DELIVERY NOTIFICATION

ABSTRACT

A method for facsimile transmission over a packet network includes establishing a facsimile call between first and second facsimile terminals in accordance with a facsimile protocol, using a facsimile gateway to convey communications between the terminals over the packet The gateway awaits the arrival of a signal network. conveyed over the packet network from the first terminal, to be transmitted from the gateway to the second terminal as provided by the protocol, and it transmits a fill page to the second terminal if the signal does not arrive within a time limit determined in accordance with the protocol. Upon receiving the signal, the gateway signal to the second terminal after transmits the transmitting the fill page.